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Via Electronic Submission

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte Presentation Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 10, 2006, Brian L. Cornelius, President of Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri (Citizens), Jeffry H. Smith of GVNW Consulting, Inc. and I met with Michelle Carey, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin to discuss Citizens' pending Petition for Waiver of Section 54.301(b) of the Commission's rules. In the meeting, Mr. Cornelius explained that Citizens requested a waiver when it discovered that it missed the October 1, 2005, filing deadline for local switching support data; that Citizens immediately filed the required data once the error was discovered; and that Citizens has implemented additional procedures to ensure compliance with all future filing deadlines. Mr. Cornelius also explained that local switching support represents a significant portion of Citizens' revenues and that the loss of such support would be onerous and disruptive for Citizens.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please associate this letter with the file in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,	
/s/ Mary J. Sisak	

cc: Michelle Carey